THE ADVERTISER.

## THE MODERN-MEETIN' HOUSE. BY WILL S. HAYS.

Howdy, Davy! light an' hitch; thar's no one home but me; Thar ain't a man a livin' sir, I'd sooner like ter see: For Nance and Liddy's gone to see a sick

man on the hill, An' Hiram's gone to get his grist at Jason Turner's mill.

I was in town las' Sunday, an' my heart an' To go to meetin'-ef you'll wait I'll tell you

what I seed mornin' air, a fair.

The meetin'-house was built of stone, the steeple pinted high, The windows they were painted all the ors of the sky; An' runnin' up the steeple was a great long lightnin' rod-I kinder thought the members tacked a con-

fidence in God. The big bell sorter hushed hitself and then hit rung some more, An' people come in carriages and got out at

the door; The wimmin fixed their dresses like they meant to make a call-Thar faces showed they warn't a thinkin' ov thar souls at all.

Wall, Davy, thar I stood an' thought-'twas wicked I suppose Some go to church to close thar eyes, an some to eye thar close; Loverheard ole Missus Swell to Missus Steb-

"My darter Becky's dress wan't done-she won't be here to-day."

I stood thar hesitatin' like what sort of move to make: I felt that I should go inside for my salva-

With my old broad-brim hat in han' an' leans coat on my arm.

I went along, 'bout half way up the velvet carpit ile, The men and wimmin shut thar gales, an

they begin to smile: I seed one open just a bit, went in and pull-When Brown, the banker, riz and said, "This 'ere's a rented pew.'

I got out ov this "rented pew" an' sot down near the door. Expectin' for some man ter say "This 'ere a

rented floor. A fine dressed stranger he came in-the members didn't wait, But every feller jumped at him an' opened

wide his gate.

The parson riz an' raised his han's with cold an' hauty air,

An'everybody in the house stood up and heard his prayer. I don't know how it was with them-somehow I always feel I'm doin' God injustice when I get too proud

to kneel Then all sat down an' slared about, then

While he put on his specs an' sed, "Let's sing Amazin' Grace, An organ busted loose up-stairs-the music hit was gay, Hit tickled them as couldn't sing, an' them | erful.

wot had to pay. The musick quit, the parson riz-they passed the bats 'round next.

parson took his text.

He preached about two hours bout the Faith in God to keep-The wimmin folks were noddin' while thar husbands were asleep.

One gal sed to another, "Hev you seen my bow to-day ?" She'd not her hed and then say back, "Th party it was gay.

One witspered loud enough behind her fan for me to hear. "That bonnet Sofy Tag's got on is one she had last year.'

The parson quit and then sot down-the orgin played agin;

I thought if that was servin' God the tunes they played was thin; I've hearn the bands at circusses jest play

the self-same air. The parson, when the orgin quit, dismissed 'em ali with prayer.

Now, Davy, of the augels seed what I did, I Thar warn't sone, among 'em all, but what laffed in their sleeve;

For Gad don't smile on Christians who Hi

blessin's will abuse : Rehain't no use for orgins, and He don't like rented pews. He rings no bells to tell 'em that the Sabbath's come once more :

The angels had no carriages to drive up to rad, an sweetly smile An'say "I send my soul, dear Lord; I'm

comin'after while.

Our Master up in Heaven, Davy, sees-hears everything: Helikes to see His children kneel-an' loves

to hear 'em sing; For whar He lives the angels sing an' Christians get their dues-His music costs Him nothin', an' he has no rented pews.

That ain't no use o' foolin' long the road down to the grave; That is no way o' dodgin' when you've got Four soul to save.

Fine charches, orgins, carridges, clothes, rented pews, an' "pelf," ker and yerseif.

The editor of a Missouri paper,

& Christian can eat them.

THE DEVIL-FISH.

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interesting description of a marine called The Devil Fish. This name is to be two feet across.

suddenly felt the bow of his boat pulto the stern to keep her balanced, had hold of his anchor began to pull this: him out to sea. He roared the loud-

Either his noise, or the pressure he brought to bear, caused the fish to turn, so that it soon ran on the shal-

Those in the rescuing boats then atsacked it with boat hooks, pitchforks, Cephaloptera vampirus, or ocean · v. mpire, also called the sea-devil. It nearly covered the floor of the small toom in which it was exhibited, measuring nine feet across, and having the long curve was the mouth, and on each side of the mouth an arm as long

I started meekly in the house, I knew it was some twenty of them. The largest Its body was sixteen feet long. one they caught-which, however, they declared was not the largest one they saw-measured fifteen feet in possibilities has occurred quite near width by twelve in length, and its to us-in fact, almost upon our own weight was two thousand and forty- coast. four pounds when disembowled. Mr. T. R. Peale, of Philadelphia,

saw and bought this specimen for two says ! hundred dollars. No door-way could be found large enough to let it in except that of Independence Hall, and this huge offer-

riotic state, surrounded by wondering | ter. Chemistry, however, soon began to surrounding hoses

Mr. Peale, therefore, made a caretook him all of one night to skin it, and three carts were kept bosy until ror-stricken fishermen beheld a pair dawn in carrying away the flesh.

from the head. Most of them have a horny beak like that of a parrot, except that the under part is longer instead of the upper. One of these has been preserv-

length. The muscles in which the jaws are embedded, and by which they are worked, are extremely pow- but a few feet from the boat, appear- equipped tifty-inch telescope, that Mr Beale, an Englishman, who shot out from around its face several book all could be satisfactorily arrang- bull the odd two-if, on the other had gone ashore on one of the Bonin long arms of corpse-like fleshiness. Islands to look for shells, noticed sud- Had these lithe, slimy arms, with might it not be well to pack a thousdealy at his feet an extraordinary- their death-like adhesive powers, once and inch bombshell with school-mas. the bear the odd two. It thus belooking animal crawling toward the fastened themselves on the boat or the ters, and project them across the "va- coms a struggle between them-the surf, which it had evidently only just men, nothing could have saved them cant space by the aid of a million-ton bull to toss it up, the bear to pull it left. It was creeping on its eight legs, from destruction; for, when the suckwhich, from their soft and flexible ers with which they are furnished nature, bent considerably under the have taken hold, nothing can tear weight of its body, so that it was lift- them away. They would have been ed by its offorts but little above the brought in a moment within reach of rocks. It appeared to be much alarm- the powerful beak which was ready

ed at seeing him, and made every ef- to dart upon them. fort to escape. Mr. Beale endeavored legs with his foot; but, although he went completely over and beyond it. pose, its strength was so great that it seized a batchet, and, at one blow, birds has been as destructive to the on the wet and slippery rocks. He destruction. then laid hold, with his hand, of one of the tentacles in which his limbs terminated, and held it firmly, so that it appeared as if the limb would be torn assunder by the united efforts of him-elf and the creature. He then gave it a powerful jerk, wishing to disengage it from the rocks to which it clung so forcibly by its suckers

This effort it effectually resisted : but the moment after, the apparently enraged animal lifted its h ad, with its large projecting eyes, and, loosening its hold upon the rock, suddenly sprang, upon Mr. Beale's arm, and clung to it, by means of its suckers. with great power, endeavoring to get its beak, which could now be seen between the roots of its arms, in a posiarm. Its cold, slimy grasp was extremely sickening; and he called loudly to the captain, who was at some distance, to come and release him

from his disgusting assailant. The captain quickly came, and, taking him down to the boat, during which time Mr. Beale was employed him by destroying his termenter with the lost-knife, which he accomplished by cutting away portions at a time. Let us now see how large these formidable creatures sometimes grow A recent writer (October 25, 1873.) Francisco, who frequent the Farallone Islands, and go down the coast, Don't count that day-it lays between yer Ma- not unfrequently take these devil-fish off the monster's arm was Theophilus der every leaf and chip that could be from eight to ten feet across; and, nine feet from tip to tip of the tenta- "A part of this tentacle I have now in throw out skirmishers, which would in relating what he knows about far- cles. In 1855, Capi. Hygrom brought my possession, immersed in spirits. I advance near to the red ants, and To make Berkshire pigs out of your ed the coast of Spain, devouring the ing-cups. Picot says: "The body of The main body would advance upon

be worth several cents less per pound their arms as thick through as a flour bill, Picot says, was about as large as motions expressing the greatest fury. than when trimmed and cured so that barrel. This latter statement is cor- a six gallon keg."-Appleton's Journ- as they tumbled over one another in roborated by Mr. T. R. Peale, Capt. al.

Francis Post, and Capt. E. E. Smith; Victor Hugo, in his "Toilers of the Another witness whose name is not Sea," gave an elaborate and painfully given, is quoted as having seen a piece al report of Hon. J. M. McKenzie,

Leucasia.

A negro, who had anchored his lent opinion among seamen that the boat in what he thought a favorable largest being that swims is a collassal An' folks wor in a hurry, like the rushin' to roared for help. The creature that story" extant. Briefly given it is discarding fractions of a dollar:

> The Norwegian fishermen someer, and tried to turn the boat, answer- times find unexpected shallows when ing to those approaching him, who asked where he was going, "I dunno, suddenly diminishing from one hun-for de deball has hold of me!" His back first appears, looking like a number of small islands. His arms rise above the surface like the masts of a vessel, and are said to have powand whatever other weapons came to er to grasp the largest man of-war hand, until finally it was killed. It and pull it to the bottom. Pontoppiproved to be a female specimen of the dan's time was from 1698 to 1765, and Burt... Norwegian men-of-war, in those days, Jefferson. were not as large as ours. If we allow the longest piece said to be bitten off by the sperm-whale (forty feet) to be two-thirds of the arm, this would form of a triangle, with one long give arms sixty feet long; and such State in these permanent educational curved side. In the middle of this arms, on such a monster, might well improvements figures up to one milbe formidable to a small vessel,

as a man's and about four times as 5, 1873.) the following extract gives a eighty-seven cents.-State Journal. thick. These were evidently intend- very curious proof of the possibility ed to convey food to its mouth, and it of such an attack : "A recent copy of must have been with these that it the Japan Gazette states that a huge caught and held the negro's anchor, cephaloped is now shown in a house Some years ago a "school" of them near the temple at Asaka, Yeddo. It appeared off Cape May. The neigh- seems that a fishing boat was seized boring fishermen became quite exci- by its tentacles, while off the village to have laid claim to omnipotence, we WALL STREET—BULLS AND BEARS. ted, and went after them in a schoon- of Kononoto, and that the boatmen may not be surprised to learn that They harpooned and captured killed the creature by repeated blows. there is yet hope that the inhabitants

Since the above was written a curious confirmation of these facts and

The Rev. Harvey, of Newfoundland, in a recent communication,

"A few days ago (October 26, 1873,) two of our fishermen were out, in a small boat, in Conception Bay, near Portugal Cove, when they saw a dark ing of American seas lay there in pat. shapeless mass floating upon the wa-

"On approaching the men concluded it was a huge bale of goods-permake its transformations patent to haps part of the cargo of some wrecked vessel-and that they had found a valuable prize. One of them struck fol drawing of the fish, and then a the object with his boat book, when frame resembling it as much as possi- suddenly the dark heap became anible, on which to stretch the skin. It mated, opened out like a huge umbrella without a handle, and the horof green eyes, full of intelligence, but The devil-fish of Victor Hugo be- also of ferocity, glaring at them, and longs to a different class. It is a Cep- its huge, parrot-like beak open with halopoda, or head-footed, because the savage and malignant purpose. The feet, or rather arms, spring directly men were petrified with terror, and, for a moment, so fascinated with the horrible sight that they were power-

Before the fishermen could make any scheme might enable us to transfer to attempt to escape, the creature, now

piston, capable of being drawn back- of Commerce. ward. The membranous disk can also be drawn in. The moment one of

these disks touches the prey, the dev-

OUR COMMON SCHOOLS.

From the proof sheets of the annuforty feet long. The suckers on these Superintendent of Public Instruction, monster which he most appropriately large arms are said, by two witnesses. now in press, we compile the following tabular statement of the amount applied to two varities of fish, one of A large sperm-whale has an under of money invested by the people of which is found upon the Atlantic jaw some eighteen feet long, thickly the respective counties in school houscoast. An incident occurred in the set with strong teeth. He dives es, school house sites, books and apharbor of Charleston, S. C., some down, it seems, and bites on the arms paratus. It will be seen that some of years ago, which first brought this of these huge devil-fish, and devours the new counties of the west are getfish prominently before the American them. A writer in the Naturalist of ting ahead of the older and richer February, 1873. says: "It is a preva- populations of the river counties, in public improvements as compared with numbers and taxable wealth. place, and who was fishing quietly, squid or cuttle-fish." So here we We change the alphabetical order for come at last to that old, tough story the purpose of making comparisons The bells wor tolling lively on the balmy led down, and, instinctively rushing of Bishop Pontoppidan that has long easier to our readers, and arrange the been looked upon as the greatest "fish counties according to total amounts,

64,336 Saline Wayne .... 19 647 Webster . Pierce.. heyenne ...... Kearney . Nuckolls . 15,057 14,295 Harlan ..... Franklin Antelope ....

The total amount invested in the lion, one hundred and sixty-seven In a recent number of Nature (June thousand and thirteen dollars, and

AN INTER-PLANETARY TELE-GRAPH. In this venturesome age, when Science, emboldened by success, seems spheres. In a recent communication to the French Academy of Science, Venus might be made of service in once. enabling us to hold communication with the dwellers in that planet-or, as he expresses it: "It is possible that, among the dwellers on the surface of Venus, there may be some who are astronomers, to whom it may occur that the passage of their world across the sun's disk will attract our curiosto transmit signals to us precisely at the instant when they determine that what is to be the basis of the interplanetary alphabet by which the signals are to be transmitted, still reheard," says a recent critic of Mr. Cros, "of a scheme of signaling to the moon by means of long, black platforms arranged on wheels and placed on the extended snow-fields of Sibe earth are ready. Soon, thanks to the figure above 48. liberality of Mr. Lick, we shall have a telescope that will bring the moon that body and its inhabitants, a fullygun and a charge of nitro-glycerine ?"

Appleton's Journal.

THE BIRDS. We are glad to see that a move is the English sparrow into that State. Only one of the longer arms reach. Of all birds the sparrow is the most to stop it by pressing on one of its ed the boat, and, owing to its length, destructive to insects and the most vent horrible accidents, and spread reused considerable force for that pur- Quick as lightning, one of the men Americans in killing insect-eating several times liberated its limb in severed the corpse-like arm which interest of the farmer and fruit-growspite of all the efforts be could employ was flung over the boat to drag it to er, as these ornaments to the groves and gardens themselves. The pre-"The green-eyed monster uttered tense that they destroy fruit when no ery of pain, but moved off; and ripe is the veriest sham, for a flock of the fishermen who had thus escaped birds will protect more fruit and grain a horrible death, found themselves in in a season than a thousand times possession of the amputated arm, their number can destroy-while a pull down a stock, he frequently buys which has been forwarded from St. little care for a few days obviates even John's I have just returned from a that inconvenience. The trees in the careful examination of it. It meas- New York parks were for years deures nineteen feet in length, and, as nuded of their foliage by insects, and stock than he has sold. the fishermen say the devil-fish must it became at last a necessity to devise maining, the entire length must have to their destruction entirely. Somebeen some twenty-nine feet. It is body suggested the sparrow, and covered with rows of suckers, which that the insects are gone, and the New subject of their struggles. are cartilaigenous, horny, and about Yorker now enjoys the luxuriant the size of a quarter of a dollar. These shade of the parks in the hot weathseross which a disk of muscular mem- and grass plats cheerful with the most

AN ANT BATTLE. away from his hand, soon released so that it is impossible to tear them to a fight between two colonies of Professor Jules Marcon, dated No- It seems that the brown ants had atvember 10, 1873, and read before the tacked the red ants in their holes. Boston Socie y of Natural History, driving and whipping them out. Afthe name of the fisherman who cut parently, they would take refuge unlong. Pliny speaks of one that infest- a few of the small, denticulated suck- vivors returning to the main body. hazel-splitters, select a cool day, stand fish and destroying the fisheries It the animal was about sixty feet long, the red army, which would break them on their hams, tied to a sap- weighed seven hundred pounds, and its general diameter not less than five ranks and scatter in all directions, the pling, and drive their noses back into its arms were more than thirty feet feet, and the breadth of its tail at brown ants pursuing and killing all endure quietly. Suppose a railroad their eagerness to fight.

Written for Hie Attvertiser. SUCCESS IN LIFE:

BY NILP. If a man would be successful, And make his life replete With joys, and short horn cattle, And have Berkshires' at his feet, He must learn to be a farmer; A Granger then as well, Have never ending pleasure,

And Berkshire pigs to sell.

And if he'd be a Granger, He must learn-with perfect ease-To stand upon his head With his chin upon his knees, To wait before the Master With patient manly grace, And then be led to Ceres With a smile upon his face,

He must ride the "Grangers' goat,"

That will rear and kick and snort,

Which he'll find a wiry cust

And make a tetrible files.

Then at each Harvest feast,

The fattest of his flock. Most be lain upon the alter, Tho' it be of "blooded stock." To be a farmer and a Granger, Should be man's aim in life, Have a herd of Texas cattle, And a gentle loving wife, Have his ship of joy and comfort,

On life's tempestuous seas,

And live quite at his ease.

OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

Well fill'd with pork and harmony,

Bulls, Bears, Finance-Society, Politicians Balls Immigration The Poor -The Grain Trade.

Correspondence Nebiaska Advertiser. NEW YORK, Feb. 23, 1874.

I spent a day or two in Wall street of this earth may become personally this week, and learned something acquainted with the denizens of other The man who learns anything ought to lose no time before he communi-Mr. Charles Cross ventures the opin- cates it to his fellows, hence I shall on that the approaching transit of give what I learned to your readers at

> Do you know what a "bull" is, or a 'bear," in Wall street? I spent two days learning.

In Wall street a "bull" is an operator who believes he can push the price of any particular stock to a highity. Hence it is reasonable to suppose | er point: Take Toledo and Wabash. that these savants will perfect means for instance. Suppose it is selling at

culiarly large and prominent, bright, within eight miles of us; and it may stock, I forgot to say that the bull Aldermen, and run things generally. ed, which is four and a half inches in and apparently gleaming with rage, be that a slight enlargement of this buys the stock to be delivered at a certain date say thirty days. Now, if on that date Toledo and Wabash is ed to open out, and saddenly there with it and the accompanying signal worth 50, the bear simply pays the ed. Or, what seems wiser still, hand it goes down to 46, the bull pays

The fight is deadly. The bear will get into the newspapers all sorts of stories concerning the road. He will being made in Kansas to introduce have Gov. Cox, the President, dead or stricken with paralysis, he will inprolific. The barbarous habit of ports of defalcations and gross mismanagement. The bull practices tactics precisely the reverse.

The settlement is made on the basis of the selling price of the stock on the day named

Very frequently bears turn bulls, If a bear sees that it is impossible to and become a bull to cover. This he can do, if he can buy more of the

These transactions very frequently The fact is that New York ought to drouths and being bit by the ferocious have at least ten feet of this arm re- some means of protection or submit involve millions, and they embrace lose it for she has never done anyverything under Heaven, Gold Rail- thing to foster it. All the grain that tough and fibrous, livid in color, and some other body had sense enough to road, and other stocks, grain, lumber; pointed at the extremity, where it is adopt the suggestion. The result is everything in fact that is made the

suckers act on the principle of a cup- er, at the same time watching the ecpervaded Mr. Beale's whole frame ping glass. Each of them consists of centricities and habits of the sober more than can be delivered. Thus pervaded Mr. Beale's whole frame a firm, fleshy, cartilaginous ring, which make the trees when he found that this hideous ani-His door.

Such Caristians might as well look up to sels at slight cost. This is all that of the festive Ploughboy which conerture in the center. A coneshaped want sparrows in Kansas and in Kan- the bears ignorant that a corner has sels at slight cost. This is all that of the festive Ploughboy, which conmass of flesh fills this aperture, like a sas City, also .- Kansas City Journal been made in Wabash, sell the stock to be delivered in, say thirty days, supposing that there is enough of it The Wanesborough (Tenn.) Banner in the market to be had to make the il fish retracts the fleshy piston, which says: William Norman, a citizen of delivery at a profit possible. The time creates a vacuum, and makes the edge this place, while on a visit to Law- approaches and they begin to look in keeping the beak of the octopus of the disk press against the surface. renceburg, last summer, was witness about to get the stock. They find to away without destroying the arm." ants, one the small red ant, an eighth their dismay that there is not a Mr. Alexander Murray, the geolo- of an inch long; the other a brown share to be had; for the very good gist of Newfoundland, in a letter to ant, about one-fourth of an inch long. reason that the bulls have tall. They become frantie, but to no purpose. The bulls Bold, and run the price up says that the Italian fishermen of San November 19, 1873, corroborates sub- ter the red ants had been driven out. to any figure they choose, to which stantially this account, adding that to the number of several millions, ap the poor bears are compelled to submit. But don't approse it is all plain Picot, and that the animal was seen found in the space of three yards sailing with the bulls! If the bears some months ago, he saw one hang off the eastern end of Great Belle Is square, which was the size of the bat- are strong enough they buy up one of ing at a door that measured at least land, in Conception Bay. He says: the ground. The brown ants would the bulls, which makes a break, and if they get a break made, Heaven pouring in the oil. The cotton ab- but this fact is somewhat obscure by

Watering stock is where a corporation becomes exceedingly profitable-

instead of 20 percent. on \$1,000,000. It is all gambling of the most deout a dog this winter, and will buy a for Burbon whisky. But, brother do butter and weighed about four pounds plorable kind. There are legitimate couple of pups next spring.

stock brokers but the fuld is gambling.

AUCCIBEI,

SOCIETY

Is fermenting in this city just now. Balls, parties, theatres, operas and entertainments, of all kinds are in full there would be more strikes among they do it.

POLITICIANS.

A reputation in New York is a singular thing. Brennan, the Sheriff indicted for the escape of Genet, and in therefor, has more friends among the controlling element than ever. The short haired look upon Brenan as a martyr. The other night a ball was given in his honor, which was run by the most desperate villians in the city. But mark you, the leading reepectable Democrats of the city were there, for they dare not stay away. Mr. Brennan's broken-nosed adher- date. My worthy strippling, as you known there. He was worth as much ents run the caucusses, and not one of cannot see. I will cause you to feel more than Mike. We both lived tothese broad-cloth gentry could get a that you are received at the door on gether, and one night we staid up tilf nomination if they oppose him. Therefore all these men attend the balls of to teach you the three great virtues- the market and get our marketin' on the Brennan kind, and shake hands faith, hope and charity. Faith in the way. Well, we got everything with them, and smile and fawn on yourself, hope for cheaper farm ma- for the day ordered and were passing the doubtful women they bring there, ing-rod pedler. You will now be to look at a cut-fish that the market-New York is under the control of harnessed, and in representation of man said weighed 140 pounds. Just the ruffians, and the Democracy rec. the horse, Pegasus, will be tested as then, a man who lsoked like a stranognize the fact. and acknowledge to endurance and wind. their rule. There is no hope of anything good from this Nazareth. The hempen harness. A dried pumpkin- "I've often heard of the big cut fish country is the only salvation.

IMMIGRATION. 48. The bull from certain indications very marked. During the past week multitudes of earthly telescopes are believes it will go up to 50, or higher, the total number of immigrants landturned in their direction." As to just He buys a 48; and deliberately goes ed at Castle Garden was only 456. how these signals are to be made, or to work to put it up. He will lie like which is the smallest number receiva-like a-politician-he will invent ed in a single week for several years bogus dispatches-he will spread re- But they are of a good class, Germains to be suggested "We have ports of the death of Presidents of many is largely represented. Sweden railroads-publish bogus reports of Norway and Denmark, contribute the business done-in short, there is their quota. The Scandinavians mostria." So it appears that we of the mit to make that stock go up to a the Irish, as many as possible, stay in the large cities, where they can The bear is the man who sold the run grog-mills, and finally become

THE FOOR Are suffering this winter. There is work enough in New York for 80 per cent, of the working men, so there is But the sick and the weak are in a pitaible condition. Every day sick men and women are found in the gar- | Candidate-Yes, where the bustle rets of the over-crowded tenements, goes on. and in the cellers as well, dying from hunger and cold. The soup-houses are doing a very great and good oughly, but as there is no place about work in feeding the poor, but him to stick a pocket, tries to explain what good is a soup-house to a woman who cannot get to it? It is esnot mean as much as it does any-

THE GRAIN TRADE

Continues to excite especial attention. PIETRO.

lars, and taken two shares in a lottery. the application is an agricultural one, He will try, he says, to get along with- "corn crib." and has reference to the A salt mine has been discovered in

GRANGE SECRETS REVEALED.

How Initiations are Conducted.

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From the Randolph Enterprise. On being brought into the ante-New York belle is a hard worker burdock leaf, perforated with holes before. She breakfasts in her room to strip. As I did consider that con- must immeditely pull out his stomach siderable worth to me, and as he ital- and disclose the brand. and dresses herself for the afternoon icized his wishes by carelessly playround. She enters her carriage and ing with a saven shooter, I withdrew drives to reception after reception, un- from my garments with eagerness, you that they will wash. til night has come, when she goes My masked friend then furnished me til night has come, when she goes with the regalia of first degree—called dresses herself in evening toilet, and "The Festive Ploughboy"—which dow, evidently intended for me. Foragain enters her carriage to make a consisted merely of one large cabbage tunately I escaped without a scratch, round of three balls and a German, leaf attached to a waist-band of potate and which is of more consequence. end up at the last somewhere about vines. In this siry costume I was succeeded in fetching off my precious three A. M. Then she goes to bed, panion gave three distinct raps. (I is in the ceremony of any importance sleeps till noon, and is up and at it was securely blindfolded by binding a \_I must leave the country at once\_ again. And this is pleasure! Were slice of rutabaga over each eye.) A armed men are at my heels-they they compelled to do this for a living sepulchral voice from within asked : know that I am writing to expose Who comes?"

My guide answered: "A youthful them than among the laborers. But agriculturist who desires to become a expose the other degrees-until them granger." Sepulchral Voice-Have you looked

> him carefully over?" Guide-I have noble gate-keeper. S. V .- Do you find any agricultural marks about his parson?

Guide-I do. S. V .- What are they? Guide-The candidate has carroty hair, reddish whiskers, and a turnup

S. V .- 'Tis well. Why do you desire to become a granger? Guide (answering for candidate)-That I may be thereby the better en-

rascally politicians. the three points of a pitchfork, piercing the regions of the stomach, which started home, we concluded to go by

vine is put in his mouth for a bit and in the South, but that is a whopper.' bridle-he is made to get down upon all fours, the guide selzes the bridle The decline in immigration is now and urged on by a granger armed with a Canada thistle, which he vigorously applies at the terminus of the spine, the candidate is galloped three times around the room. While making the circuit the members arise and

Get up and dust you bully boy-Who wouldn't be a granger? If the thistle's prick don't cause you Joy, To feeling you must be estranged, ah!

After this violent exercise he is rubbed dry with corn-cobs, beeswaxno villainy in the range of lying, per- ly go to the Northwest, the Germans ed where thistled, and brought standjury and fraud that he will not com- to the Western Middle States; while ing up before the great chief-the most worshipful pumpkin head. M. W. P. H .- Why do you wish to be a granger?

> Candidate-(answering for himself) sewing machine agents. M. W. P. H.-Have your hands pike

been hardened with toil? Candidate -- Not extensively, but then I am not running for office. M. W. P. H .- 'Tis well, for our but two bigger fools I never saw ;" no occasion for much distress among lodges contain several who are supthose who have health and strength, posed to be ready to sacrifice themselves for the good of their constitutents. Do you feel pretty smart this evening?

> M. W. P. H .- (savagely)-Give me a chaw of tobacker! Candidate searching himself thor-

but the most worshipful pumpkinhead interrupts him with : "Never mind, my dear young friend timated that 400 men and women per- - I am well aware that in your present ished from cold and hunger last week condition you can no more furnish Why any human being comes to or your friends with the weed than Adstays in a great city, is beyond and tight boots. It is merely to teach my comprehension. I don't know you the great lesson of economy-dowhy I am here. Where one succeeds ling to others as you'd like to have a thousand fails, and success here does them do to you You will now be conducted to the most eminent squash producer, who will teach you the grand bailing sign of distress. The sign, my worthy brother, will insure you against many of the ills of the agriculturist-among other, against

The candidate is now conducted to the most eminent squash producer comes to this city is handled by hand who thus says: "My most worthy -it has to be carted from the depot to brother. I will now invest you with the vessels and the cost of transfer al- the order of the festive Ploughboy. which you have well won by your A "corner" is the bnying of the en- most eats it up. A movement is on heoric achievement while harnessed -- o erect elevators as in the Lake ta yourself, and may it be a means of make their changes to the pupa state

can possibly save the trade, and this sists of a long tomato necklace ) "The appears to be of no value will not do it unless the Erie Canal is grand hailing sign of distress is made 11 enlarged and the exhorbitant tolls by gently closing the left eye, laying MAKING AGRICULTURAL PRESIlessened. Montreal, Boston, Phila- nose, and violently wagging the ears. delphia and Baltimore all have super- It requires practice, but the advan- ing would have been laughed at a few ior facilities and they are taking the tages are intense. It also has an im- years ago! Now, politicians look with trade. Why don't the farmer's organizations take some action in the eye signifies that in all your dealings originated. This is found in a Washmatter of the canals? There is little with mankind you are bound to have ton telegram : use in looking to New York for relief, an eye to business. Laving the finger It is rumored that Col. Robert W. alongside the nose is emblematical of Furnas, the present Govonor of Nebwisdom, and places you at once raska a man of great wealth and a man among the 'knowing ones.' This is who has done and is doing much for SAFETY IN THE USE OF KEROSENE extremely handy in prognosticating the Agricultural interests of the West, The following hint, given by a cor- new weather, and saves the wear and will be the Farmers' candidate for respondent of the Tribune, relates an | tear of almanacs. Wagging the ears | President of the United States in 1876. exceedingly simple method of precausignifies sublimity of purpose, and is Judge Wm. Schley of Georgia, is tion in the use of kerosene and other thought to be emblematical of child- named for Vice-President. Gov. Furcheap oils, and may be worthy of at- hood, s happy hours." It is supposed has is an enthusiastic Agriculturist tention. His plan is to fill the lamp by some profound scholars to have a and devoted to farmers' interests. lightly with jewelers' cotton before distinct referance to apple dumptings ming, touches up the question in this lands, one of these fish eighteen feet lands, one of the said tentacle, and lands are the feet lands are the feet lands. case of accident, the latter does not are one of us, you will now be brand- stastic horticulturist and has done flow about, and can thus be easily ex- ed. This ceremony is very impres- much within the past few years to tinguished. On one occasion his ker- sive, and consists of two brands. osene lamp burst, and a mass of flame They are both applied "while the too profitable in fact, for the public to jumped out, but being in a compact from is hot," and consists of one letter ducts .- Rurat New-Yorker. body he covered it instantly with a of the alphabet each. The first is a bucket, and with the help of the wa- large letter S. on which you will is also supposed to indicate the seat of these measures. - Platisburg Lever. learning-the spot where the old-time The Gad's Hill robbers were als

not be diligent in finding a home market for your corn. The second application of the letter C. my distracted infant, is got hold as follows: When one granger desires to ascertain "for sure" if there is another of the room of the lodge (Greengrocer Tem- order in the room, he raises himself ple, No. 101,) I was told I had been gently by the slack of his-of his unblast, and the fashionable people are balloted for and accepted. My inform- mentionables-scratches his off thigh worked terribly. By the way the ant, who was securely masked by with his near hoof, and remarks in a what I afterward learned was a large voice of thunder: "Are there any grangers about? The answer is "Jees during the season. She rises at noon for the eyes, told me that if I valued wax." The inquirer then says, "let because she was out late the night my life it would be necessary for me us see (letter C.), and the other party

> These brands are applied in such a manner that I am enabled to assure

I was here interrupted Mr. Editor, them You may hear from me again by mail, if I should deem it hest to adieu. From your sacred friend.

Notice-This ceremony of initiation is used during the absence of the indy members Their initiatory reremonies are entirely different, being much simplified, as they should be.

DEVOL'S CAT-FISH.

The following story is told with great gusto by George Devol, a wellnown sporting man!

I tell you what it is, boys, it's the best story you ever heard. You see; abled to harrow up the feelings of the it was in New Orleans, before the war. My partner was Charley Bush, S. V. You will bring in the candi- a very much of a gentleman, and well chinery, and charity for the lightn- the fish market, when I called Bush ger, and who afterward said that he The candidate is here attached to a came from Alabama, approached and small imitation plow, by means of a stopped when he saw the fish. Said,

"I guess you are mistaken," says I, 'taat is a pike." "Pike, h-1!" says the Alabama man; "that is a cat-fish."

Says I, "I ll bet fifty it's a pike and leave it to any man you may pick," Bush overheard the bet, and snatching a little book from his pocket, and pulling a pencil let on to be collecting the rents as any other market master. So I said to the stranger, "There is the market-master, what do you say to him ?" "Agreed," says Alabama, and the

hundred was put up. Then says I to Bush, "Look here stranger, we have made a little bet for the drinks, and want you to decide it." Then I told him what the bet was on.

Says Bush, "I have been market-That I may learn to extinguish master here for ten years, and in that time I have never seen as large a Well, Alabama drawed himself up to his six foot two, and said :. "Gen-

tlemen, you have won the money,

THE CODLING MOTH. At the late meeting of I linois Horticultural Society, Dr. C. V. Rirly, State Entomologist of Missouri, thus treated of this important pest of the

orchard: The moth is not a native but is an importation from the orchards of Europe. It has now spread over the whole country from Maine to west of the Rocky Mountains. It has proved to be one of the most damaging of all the insects that infest the apple-orlyxed fruits also suffer from it, as the eggs are only laid in the blossom-end ing which mostly occursat night, it down the trunk of the tree and changes to a pupa inclosed in a siiken cover-

ing. These pupa we find under the loose bark of the apple. This insect is double-broaded-the first having been deposited in the caly of the fruit soon after the fruit is do not leave the apple until they ard the trees. Under these the Insects and are thus destoyed. aper makes (The M. E. S. P. then proceeds to the cheapest bandage of all and costs

How such paragraphs as the follow-

little, except that he is an enthubring his State to the notice of industrial men by an exhibition of her pro-

their shoulders, leaving about an inch long. Swedianer reports that some least ten feet." He stated that when they could catch. The little insects having a monopoly makes money terpitcher and a few wet towels, explease sit while the other letter is apoposed the reconstruction measures as protruding. If you look at the agri- whalers took out of the mouth of a the creature found itself mutilated it displayed as much bravery and evinc-Cultural papers, you will see that all whale pieces of a cuttle-fish that were made off backward, or tail first, after ed as much judgment as intelligent enough to declare dividends of 20 per tinguished it before the slightest dam- plied to the stomach- The letter S applied to certain states of the union the manner of squids, darkening the human beings. The red ants would cent. The public would clamor for a age was done. Had it not been for my worthy chicken, signifies scooped the remon whereof being, that we blooded hogs are fixed that way. If twenty-five feet long. you have any whose noses are longer A mate of a whaling vessel states water over a large space with inky not risk an open engagement, but reduction of fares, so the directors the cotton, the flaming oil would have and refers to railroad monopolies. It were sincere in our opposition to all the cotton, the flaming oil would have any whose noses are longer A mate of a whaling vessel states flown in all directions. than the rest of the body, better sell that there were enormous squids in emissions. The enormous proportions would instantly surround any strag-double the number of shares-waterthem to an artesian well company for the equatorial seas that furnish food to proportions given above might appear gling party and kill them, though ing the capital. There is no more drills, as you cannot drive the nose the sp rm-whales, and that he had on to be exaggerations were they not to they themselves were afterwards ex-A man who told his wife that he teacher hunted for brains with a fer- sincere, therefore they were right back without telescoping the whole one occasion seen an arm of one, thirmust retrench - cut down family ex. ule. The second letter is C. and is This, at least, is where the Lever's pig. When you cut up hogs, leave ty feet long, sticking in the mouth of ment of the animal which was securthe hams square—leaving some hair, a whole that seemed sick. He said ed, and of which the photograph will of their whereabouts, would swarm 10 per cent. dividends on \$2,000,000, just sold his dog for twenty-five doltoo salt everlastingly, and they will be had often seen floating pieces of give you a fair idea. The beak, or out of their haunts by myriads, their